

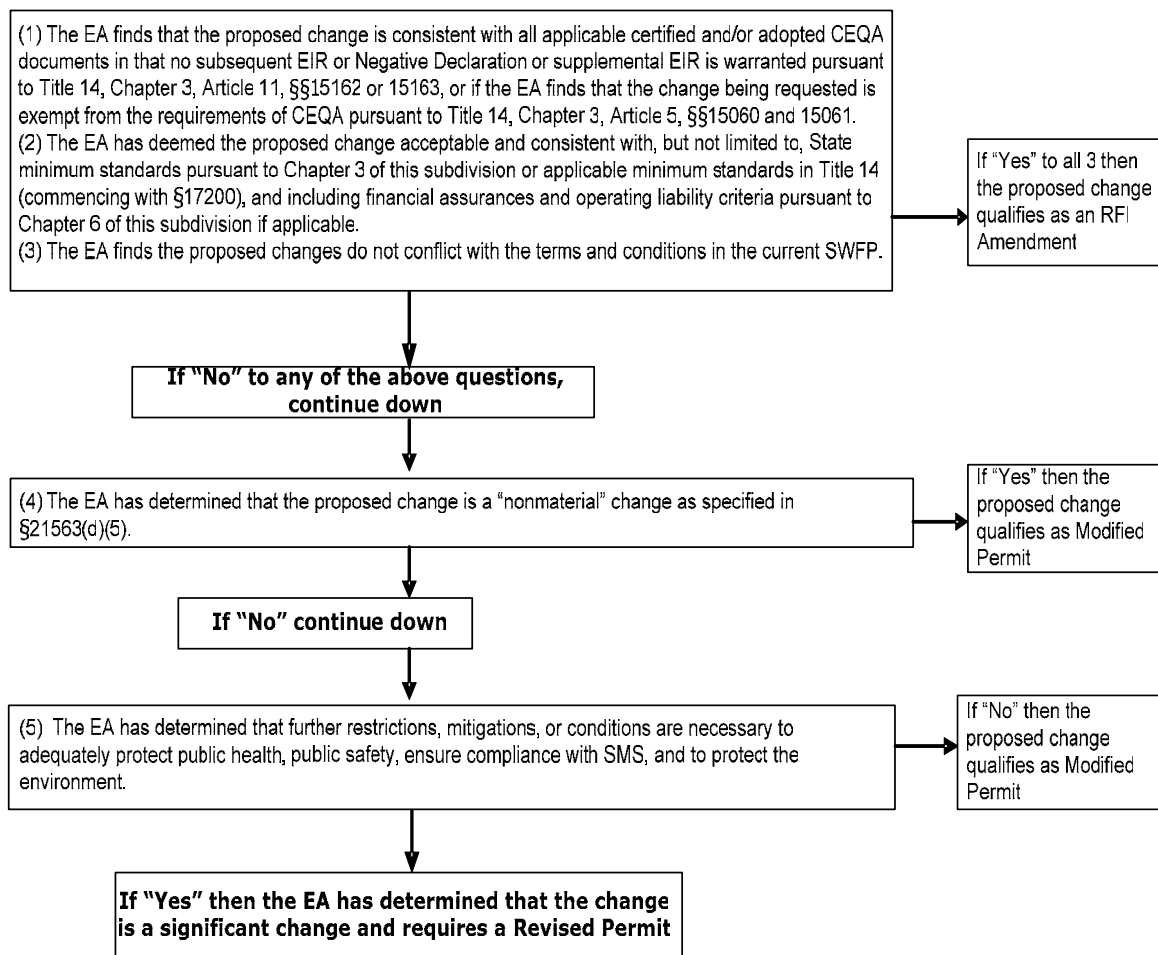
Planning for Informational Meetings

Tool 1

Permit Implementation Regulations – At a Glance

The Permit Implementation Regulations do the following things:

- Requires additional public noticing for RFI Amendments, Modified Permit Applications, Revised and New Permit Applications.
- Requires a public informational meeting be held for new and revised full permits, unless a substitute meeting was held and met the criteria for substitute meeting and the operator doesn't object to the use of a substitute meeting.
- Establishes a "Decision Tree" methodology for EAs to use in determining if a proposed change in the design or operation of a facility by the operator can be approved through an RFI amendment, modified permit, or revised permit. The following flowchart shows the framework for the Decision Tree.



- Establishes a “Minor Change” process that allows Operators to make a minor change in the design or operation of the facility without EA review, approval or prior notice if the change meets specified criteria, the operator notifies the EA as required, and the change is on the minor change list, or if not listed, meets the criteria.
- Establishes a “Significant Change List” that Operators and EAs shall refer to when considering a proposed change in the design or operation of the facility. If the change is listed on the Significant Change List, it must go through the permit revision process. For all other changes the EA will use the decision tree to determine if the proposed change can be approved through an RFI amendment, modified permit, or revised permit.
- Requires the EA to notify all facility operators when they must apply for a five-year review of the permit.
- Establishes a new requirement that operators include with the permit application a list of all public notices and meetings conducted relative to the permit application.
- Requires the EA to design its inspection program so that facility inspections are unannounced and random, insofar as possible.
- Clarifies the relationship between the SWFP and local land use decisions and approvals. Removes the requirement that a copy of the CUP be included with the permit application and, instead, directs EAs to consider land use entitlements along with all other pertinent permits/approvals when drafting a permit’s terms and conditions.